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Dr. George and Joan Bayoud establish fund for general surgery at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – April 18, 2005 – Dallas surgeon George Bayoud and his wife, Joan, have established a fund to enhance the teaching and practice of general surgical skills at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, which will create the Joan and George S. Bayoud Sr. Fund for General Surgery, was pledged to Southwestern Medical Foundation as part of UT Southwestern's \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign. The funds eventually will be used to endow a distinguished professorship or chair in general surgery.

Dr. Bayoud, who remained on UT Southwestern's clinical faculty from 1957 until his retirement in 1989, built and maintained thriving private surgical practices in Garland and Dallas for much of his career.

"I always have been committed to the field of general surgery, which I've felt has become diluted by the growing popularity of subspecialties. I truly believe that general surgical skills can carry a surgeon through his life and enable him to give the best he can to his patients," Dr. Bayoud said. "Our entire family feels love and loyalty to UT Southwestern, and we're proud to help – in however small a way – and show our pride in this great institution of learning and healing."

The Bayouds met in 1949 when Dr. Bayoud was a surgical resident at the Long Island College of Medicine in Brooklyn, N.Y., and young Joan Kanaley was a patient. Ms. Kanaley had been thrown from a horse and was suffering from a compressed fracture of the vertebrae. The couple married three years later.

In 1953 Dr. Bayoud opened a private practice in Brooklyn and soon after an additional office in Manhattan. In 1954, during the Korean War, he was drafted and stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, serving as chief consultant of surgery. He was discharged in 1955, only to be stricken with bulbar spinal polio. After a year-long recovery, Dr. Bayoud opened private practices in Garland and Dallas and joined the faculty of UT Southwestern.

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Before his retirement at age 65, Dr. Bayoud was appointed to the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, where he served as vice chairman and then chairman for six years. The Bayouds, who live in Dallas, have a daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

“Dr. Bayoud is a perfect example of the skill and dedication that UT Southwestern strives to instill in its trainees,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “This wonderful gift from the Bayouds will provide a major boost to our general surgery programs. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and for their commitment to helping UT Southwestern excel.”

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